## RESEARCH CONTRACTS BRANCH NATIONAL CANCER INSTITUTE

## **REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL NUMBER: N02-CB-57037-19**

## **Amendment No. One**

Date of Issuance: October 18, 2005

The above numbered Request For Proposal (RFP) is amended as set forth below. The hour and date specified for receipt of Offerors [remains unchanged at October 28, 2005 at 3:30 PM local time.

Offerors MUST acknowledge receipt of the amendment prior to the hour and the date specified in the solicitation or as amended, by separate letter, telegram, or Electronic Mail which includes a reference to the RFP and Amendment number(s). For your convenience, the Proposal Intent Response Form is provided in SECTION J - List of Attachments of this RFP, for this purpose.

FAILURE OF YOUR ACKNOWLEDGMENT TO BE RECEIVED AT THE PLACE DESIGNATED FOR THE RECEIPT OF OFFERORS PRIOR TO THE HOUR AND DATE SPECIFIED MAY RESULT IN REJECTION OF YOUR OFFER.

## This Amendment revises the RFP as stated below:

This amendment answers the following questions and announces the closing date for receipt of questions at **October 21**, **2005 at 12 PM local time**. Answers to questions will be provided **October 25**, **2005**.

1. On Page 40, Item 4, the storage conditions for containerized samples are listed as 50, -20 and -70 degrees Centigrade. Is the 50 degree storage condition a typo? Should this be 5 degrees?

Answer: This is a typo, the degrees should be: 5, -20, and -70 degrees Centigrade.

2. On Page 40, Item 6, please indicate whether Transfer of Contract costs should be bid by offerors other than the incumbent during Year 1 and whether the current contractor or the new awardee would be responsible for packaging all repository items for shipment to the new repository location.

Answer: Transfer costs should be bid by offerors other than the incumbent during Year 1. The new awardee will be responsible for transfer costs.

3. On Page 40, Item 6, please indicate if all bidders are expected to estimate an optional cost for inventory transfer at the end of Contract Year 5.

Answer: No, they are not.

4. On Page 40, Item 6, please indicate the software package currently utilized for the computerized inventory system and the hardware specifications upon which it resides.

Answer: The software used by the current contractor is a proprietary software developed by that company. There is no requirement for compatibility. Offerors may use any system of their choice.

5. On page 53, Item D.6., reference is made to insuring that all containers meet Department of Defense (and Nuclear Regulatory Commission..) specifications, but specific regulations are not provided. Please provide the citation for the DOC specifications to be followed for this activity.

Answer: Offerors should be knowledgeable of the handling of compounds that will be requested of the repository. The assessment of the offeror's knowledge and procedures in their response is part of the technical evaluation criteria included in the RFP. The following are examples of possible links: Occupational Safety and Health (Title 29), Environmental Protection Agency (Title 40), and the Department of Transportation (Title 49).